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AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES

Celebrate Older Americans Month with Healthy Aging

Every May is Older Americans Month. This year we celebrate it with the theme “Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future.”

Older Americans Month has been an annual event since 1963 when President Kennedy proclaimed May as “Senior Citizens Month.” In 1980, President Carter changed the name to “Older American’s Month.”

“This year Michigan will again salute our older citizens,” says Sharon Gire, Director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA). “We encourage them to stay healthy as they age. But there is no magic cure-all for healthy aging.”

Director Gire encourages older adults to make modest behavior changes to stay healthy and independent. “Take some steps to reduce the risk of chronic disease, and manage chronic illness,” she advises. “Eat healthy and get moving.”

Diets high in fruits and vegetables, whole grains and fiber have been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. When possible, this means adding a serving of fruit or vegetable to every meal. Fresh, frozen, canned or dried foods all count, and a variety of fruits and vegetables can add a rainbow of color to meals.

Moderate physical activity helps keep muscles strong. It has been proven to reduce the risk of depression and some types of dementia. It also helps individuals maintain their balance, as well as flexibility, and it helps them reach, bend and move comfortably.

Most days of the week, older adults should aim for 30 minutes of physical activity, such as aerobics, walking, bike riding, swimming and gardening, as well as some strength exercises. Another important key to healthy aging is to stay away from tobacco products and smoking. It harms people and pets, and can lead to heart disease, lung disease and cancer.

And don’t forget the benefits of social activity through volunteering, religious communities, and senior centers. They help older adults stay healthy mentally and physically.

For more useful information about healthy aging, go to the Michigan “Steps Up” website www.michiganstepsup.org. It provides ways for individuals to make lifestyle changes; track individual progress, and set up healthy aging programs.

Also go to www.michigan.gov/miseniors and click on “Aging Well, Living Well” on the left side of the home page.

Other websites include www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org, www.mipath.org, www.mypyramid.gov, and www.activeoptions.org.

In addition, you can call **Sherri King** at OSA (517/373-4092) or e-mail her at kings1@michigan.gov or TDD 517/373-4096.

Governor Proclaims Older Americans Month in Michigan

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim May 2007 as Older Americans Month

Whereas, Michigan has more than 1.6 million adults who are age 60 and older; and,

Whereas, We honor Michigan’s older adults for their valuable contributions to our civic and social life, as well as our economic wellbeing; and,

Whereas, Their lifelong experiences give them wisdom and a priceless perspective on life that can be shared with others; and,

Whereas, Older Americans Month is celebrated in Michigan and across the country every year; and,

Whereas, The theme of this year’s Older Americans Month is “Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future:” and,

Whereas, Older adults are entitled to live and enjoy healthier lives in dignity and independence; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2007, as Older Americans Month in Michigan.

2007 Summer Games to be Held in Oakland County

The 2007 Summer Games of the Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) will be held **August 6-12** at 19 locations such as schools, parks and athletic clubs in **Oakland County**.

MSO is a Michigan nonprofit organization that organizes Sports Competitions, Instructional Clinics and Health & Wellness Programs. Eligibility is for men and women, age 50 or older, and only MSO members can participate.

The sanctioned sports, in single or double competitions, include 18 medal sports and 16 ribbon (non-medal) events, as well as weight-lifting competitions. Senior athletes may enter no more than three of the 18 individual medal sports. Also, participants are responsible for providing all personal equipment for competition.

Medal sports include 3-on3 basketball, archery, badminton, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, racewalk, racquetball, roadrace (5k and 10k), shuffleboard, slow-pitch softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, and track and field.

Ribbon (non-medal) events include baking, basketball free throw, billiards, bocce, bounce volleyball, bridge, canoe/kayak, disc golf, horseshoes (doubles), martial art form, pickleball, putt-putt, velodrome, weight-lifting, arts and crafts, and DanceSport competition.

All participants will receive a Michigan Senior Olympics T-shirt. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the sanctioned sports. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in ribbon events. Trophies will be awarded in the weight-lifting competition.

The registration deadline for participants is **July 6**. For more information, go to www.michiganseniorolympics.org. To register, call toll-free 800/400-8161 or e-mail misrolympics@yahoo.com.

BC/BS Requests Nominations for 2007 Claude Pepper Awards

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan is requesting nominations for the 2007 Claude Pepper Awards. For the past 17 years, BC/BS has honored outstanding older adult advocates annually with these awards, named after the late US Representative who campaigned for Older American rights.

The awards are given annually to older adults who, through their work or volunteerism, improve the lives of Michigan's older adults, in particular those who don't receive adequate health services due to mental, physical, financial or geographic limitations.

Two awards will be presented on **September 14** at the 17th Annual BC/BS Senior Advisory Council Conference at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant. One is for an older adult, age 55 or older, who is retired. The other will go to a person of any age who is employed in the senior advocacy field. Both recipients will receive a \$1,000 donation for the nonprofit organization of his or her choice.

Award nominations must be submitted by **July 1, 2007**. For more information, or to obtain a nomination form, call 313/225-7414 or toll-free 800/733-2583. To download a nomination form, go to www.bcbsm.com/awards.

Foundation Group Offers Start-up Dementia Grants

The Brookdale Foundation Group will be making up to 20 grants available to qualified organizations for the development of dementia-specific, social model day programs. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are available for up to 15 new Group Respite Programs, and up to five Early Memory Loss sites nationwide.

New grant recipients will receive \$7,500.00 for the first year. It will be renewable at \$3,000.00 for the second year. Grant recipients also will attend a three-day training during November, and will receive intensive technical assistance in developing their respite programs.

Eligible applicants must be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Applications must be

submitted by **July 6**, and they should be based on the manual for community-based organizations entitled How to Start and Manage a Group Activities and Respite Program for People with Alzheimer's and their Families. To order this manual, go to www.brookdalefoundation.org, or call 212/308-7355 to request a book order form.

To receive an application, send a request to the Brookdale Foundation Group Technical Assistance Office (2320 Channing Way, Berkley, CA 94704), or go to www.brookdalefoundation.org to download an application. For more information, call 510/540-6734.

CSA Recognizes Two Pilot Projects

At its last meeting, the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) received and approved the following report:

"The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging approved plans to implement a Community for Life Elder Friendly Community Recognition process recommended by the State Advisory Council on Aging. Between 2005 and 2006, the Council supported development of the Michigan Community for a Lifetime Assessment drafted by MSU Extension and refined through the assistance of two Elder Friendly Community Pilot Teams in Otsego and North Ottawa Counties.

The Commission supports elder friendly initiatives and recently recognized both the Otsego County Elder Friendly Community Leadership Team and the North Ottawa County Elder Friendly Community Task Force for providing leadership, commitment and dedication to Michigan's older residents by serving as a model/pilot sites.

The two groups also earned recognition by completing an assessment for their respective areas. The Otsego County Elder Friendly Community Leadership Team received recognition by CSA for their elder friendly assessment application for the City of Gaylord. The North Ottawa County Elder Friendly Community Task Force received recognition by the Commission for their elder friendly assessment of North Ottawa County (City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, Spring Lake Village, Spring Lake Township and Ferrysberg). Applications for the next round of recognitions are due on October 1, 2007."

For more information, call **Dan Doezema** at OSA's Traverse City office (231/929-2531) or e-mail him at doezemad@michigan.gov. For future information, see this e-newsletter and the OSA website (www.michigan.gov/miseniors).

Senior Center to Sponsor Intergenerational Talent Competition

The Portage Senior Center will sponsor an intergenerational talent competition entitled "Celery City Showcase II" **June 20-21** at the center located in Portage. It will be the 18th year for this annual event, and it is the largest fundraiser of the year for the center.

Talent auditions will take place in May, and performers will range in age from 12 to 80-plus. There will be singers, dancers, musicians, comedy acts and novelty acts, including the Portage Senior Center choir and band.

This year, the talent competition will be sponsored by Edward Jones financial counselors. Two completely different shows will take place on **June 20**. Winners will

be announced after each show, and these winners will compete for cash prizes on **June 21**. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 269/329-4555 or e-mail senior@portage.com.

Foundation Funds Air Conditioners for Older Adults

Again this year, the Gratiot County Commission on Aging (CoA) has air conditioners that can be borrowed and placed in the homes of older adults for the summer. They are funded by a grant from the Gratiot County Community Foundation. Program guidelines consider the income, assets and health needs of older adult applicants who must be age 60 or older. For more information, call 989/875-5246.

OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The next two meetings will be held 1:30 p.m. **June 12** and **July 10** in Conference Room 3B on the third floor, 7109 West Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864), e-mail bowlinj1@michigan.gov or TDD 517/373-4096. You also can call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM) at 517/886-1227, or e-mail ablan@iserv.net.

Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next two meetings will be held 10:00 a.m. on **June 15** in the conference room at OSA, 7109 West Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**, and 10:00 a.m. **August 17** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016), e-mail albrechtc@michigan.gov or TDD 517/373-4096.

State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

No SAC meetings have been scheduled at this time.

EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

May is **National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month 2007**. For more information, go to www.michiganosteoporosisconnection.org or www.nof.org.

Arthritis Self-Help Workshop, a six-week workshop series sponsored by the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA-9) and the Presque Isle County Commission on Aging (CoA) beginning **May 30** at the CoA in **Posen**, a Stanford education workshop and study for people with arthritis and related diseases. For more information, call 989/356-3474 or 989/766-8191.

2nd Annual Health & Fitness Fair, sponsored by the Alpena Senior Citizens Center **May 31** at the senior citizens center in **Alpena**, including a variety of free health screenings for those age 60 and older, health and fitness related booths, and bike

safety and skin care demonstrations. For more information, call 989/356-3585.

Bits of Business: Fit and Fun, sponsored by the Portage Senior Center **May 31** at the senior center in **Portage** for fun, fitness and entertainment (including free refreshments, door prizes and chair massages) with representatives of at least 18 organizations and businesses that offer products or services of interest to older adults to be on hand to offer displays, literature and information. For more information, call 269-329-4555.

Senior Community Day, sponsored by Evergreen Commons **June 1** at Evergreen Commons in **Holland**, featuring health screenings, activities, seminars and entertainment. For more information, call 616/396-7100.

Mature Driver Workshop, sponsored by the Charter Township of Van Buren September Days Senior Center and AAA of Michigan, and offered by the Traffic Improvement Association **June 6-8** at the senior center in **Van Buren Township** to self-evaluate driving skills to improve driving strategies, and to compensate skills for diminished abilities. For more information, call 734/699-8918.

22nd Annual Parkinson's Summer Forum, sponsored by the Grand Traverse Area Parkinson's Support Group **June 7** in the Haggerty Center at Northwestern Michigan College in **Traverse City**. For more information, go to www.gtaparkinsonsgroup.org or call 231/947-1946.

Challenging Behaviors of Dementia: A Model for Caregivers, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **June 8** at Above & Beyond in **Norton Shores**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

Adult Dental Health Issues for the 21st Century, a "Lunch, Learn and Live" luncheon and senior citizen gathering sponsored by the Gratiot Medical Center **June 8** at the medical center in **Alma**. For more information or to make a reservation, call the toll-free MidMichigan Health Line 800/999-3199.

Walkathon & 5K Run, sponsored by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, South Lake Schools and St. John Rehabilitation Services **June 9** at South Lake Schools in **St. Clair Shores**, and **June 10** at Maybury State Park in **Northville**. For more information, go to www.parkinsonsmi.org or call toll-free 800/852-9781.

Preparing Your Organization for Emergencies, an Aging Matters 2007 Training sponsored by Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA-1B) **June 12** at the AAA in **Southfield** to discuss how organizations can conduct Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) that allows for the continuation of essential business functions during any incident or emergency. For more information, call 248/262-1282.

Outpatient Diabetes Two Day Class, sponsored by the Carson City Hospital **June 13** and **June 20** at the hospital in **Carson City**. For more information, call 989/584-3971, ext. 379.

7th Annual Capital Area Senior Activities Fair, sponsored by Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and the Greater Lansing Area Club of the of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club **June 14** at Gardner Middle School in **Lansing** featuring a health screenings, information booths, entertainment and a free

continental breakfast and buffet lunch. For more information, call 517/374-8669.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **June 15** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Human Services Building in **Adrian**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

Trivia Night, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **June 16** at the CoA in **Cassopolis** with all proceeds going for the CoA Meals on Wheels and Fitness Programs. Cash prizes for the top two teams!

KCASI Monthly Meeting, sponsored by the 3 Kalamazoo Advocates for Senior Issues (KCASI) **June 18** at the Portage Senior Center in **Portage** to discuss new public transportation routes. For more information, call 269/329-4555.

9th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Dementia Education Network, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Alzheimer's Education Program **June 20-21** at the Kettunen Center in **Tustin** for educators to discuss strategies for including people with dementia in training and education. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net.

Celery City Showcase II, the 18th intergenerational talent competition sponsored by the Portage Senior Center **June 20-21** at the senior center in **Portage**, with all proceeds going for the senior center. For more information, call 269/329-4555. See also "Senior Center to Sponsor Intergenerational Talent Competition" in the AGING NETWORK NEWS/ACTIVITIES section of this issue (above).

A Storytelling Festival, sponsored by the Alpena Senior Citizen's Center **June 22** at the center in **Alpena**, featuring storytelling artists, oral storytelling workshops to teach people how to tell their own stories, and an opportunity for citizens of Northeast Michigan to learn about the rich history of the region. For more information, call 989/356-3585, ext. 19.

Ethics in Clinical Practice with Individuals with Dementia, and Pain Management with Individuals with Dementia, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **June 22** at the Ionia County Commission on Aging (CoA) in **Ionia**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

Senior Golf Tournament, sponsored by Oakland County Parks **June 22** at Red Oaks Golf Course in **Madison Heights** for men and women age 55 and older. For more information, call 248/545-3464.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **June 26** at the Osceola State Bank in **Baldwin**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

Rummage & Bake Sale, a combined rummage and bake sale sponsored by the Gratiot Community Senior Center **June 28-29** at the senior center in **St. Louis** with all

proceeds going for the operating costs of the center. For more information, call 989/875-5246.

2007 Eleventh Annual Retreat, sponsored by the Michigan Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) **July 18-20** at the RA MacMullan Conference Center in **Roscommon**. For more information, call toll-free 877/362-2322 or e-mail madsa@earthlink.net.

How Old will You be Tomorrow, a Seniors Safe, Sound and Secure program sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) and Lifespan Design Studio **July 20** at the CoA in **Cassopolis** to discuss common household hazards and barriers to successful aging in place, and transitional housing. For more information, call toll-free 800/323-0390.

Financial Fitness/Credit Education, a five-week workshop for all ages sponsored by Northern Homes Community Development Corporation **July 24 and 31, August 7, 14 and 21** at the Bellaire Senior Center in **Bellaire** to learn how to budget your money, improve your credit rating, pay off old debt, and become a better educated consumer. For more information or to register, call toll-free 866/637-1834.

Preventive Services Covered by Medicare, sponsored by the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) **July 25** at the River Valley Senior Center in **Harbert** to discuss how not to become a victim; who to contact; what to say when someone is pressuring you; and resources for assistance. For more information, call 269/469-4556.

10th Annual Michigan Consumer Conference: Energizing our Hope Together we Inspire, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) **July 26** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Michigan** to encourage consumers to grow in and share their hope. For more information, call 517/241-5066.

Ethics in Clinical Practice with Individuals with Dementia, and Pain Management with Individuals with Dementia, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **July 27** at the Gratiot County Commission on Aging (CoA) in **Ithaca**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

3-Part Alzheimer's Education Series, seminars sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter West Michigan Region with financial assistance from the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAA-8) from **August 2, 9 and 16** at Spectrum Health Healthier Communities in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, call 616/459-4558 or toll-free 800/272-3900.

Ethics in Clinical Practice with Individuals with Dementia, and Pain Management with Individuals with Dementia, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **August 13** at the Holiday Inn in **Big Rapids**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or toll-free 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

Falls and Fall Prevention, and Providing Care for Individuals with Dementia, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **September 7** at the Howard Miller Library in **Zeeland**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or 888/243-3144,

ext. 710.

Older Adult Retreat, sponsored by the Older Adult Committee of the United Methodist Church **September 10-13** at the Wesley Woods Campground in **Dowling** to offer older adults, age 60 to 93, opportunities to learn, enjoy crafts, swimming, canoeing, campfire singing, good food and comfortable lodging. For more information, call 517/833-4988 or e-mail gschleicher@cablespeed.com.

Dealing with Grief & Loss in Individuals with Dementia, and Working with Families of Individuals with Dementia, sponsored by the Gerontology Network, as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia, **September 14** at the DeVos Family Center for Scouting in **Grand Rapids**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

17th Annual Senior Advisory Council Conference and Claude Pepper Awards, entitled "Seniors Seize the Day: Living a Healthy and Happy Life" and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan (BC/BS) **September 14** at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in **Mt. Pleasant**. For more information, call toll-free 800/733-2583. See also "BC/BS Requests Nominations for 2007 Claude Pepper Awards" in the AGING NETWORK NEWS/ACTIVITIES section of this issue (above).

Dealing with Grief & Loss in Individuals with Dementia, and Working with Families of Individuals with Dementia, sponsored by the Gerontology Network as part of its 2007 Professional Series on Caring for Individuals with Dementia **September 21** at the Kettunen Center in **Tustin**. For more information or to register, call 616/771-9710 or 888/243-3144, ext. 710.

Senior EmPower Day 2007, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAA) and County Councils/Commissions on Aging (CoA) in Northwest Michigan **September 28** at the Waterfront Conference Center in **Traverse City**. For more information, call the AAA toll-free 800/442-1713.

CEO 601: Advanced Leadership for Nonprofit Executives, sponsored by the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, and supported by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation **October 17-19** at the Shanty Creek Resort in **Bellaire** for experienced nonprofit CEOs to enhance their leadership skills and explore areas for personal growth and renewal. For more information, call 616/331-7031 or e-mail krehaj@gvsu.edu.

12th Annual Edna Gates Conference on Dementia Care and the 6th Annual Lillian & James Portman Conference Celebrating Direct Care Workers, sponsored by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care **November 5-6** at the Marriott Hotel in **Troy** to discuss areas of care, innovation and research. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net.

Home Sweet Home: Current & Future Housing Options for Michigan Seniors, a luncheon forum sponsored by the Michigan Society of Gerontology (MSG) **November 7** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing** to discuss senior housing issues and livable communities. For more information, go to www.msginfo.org or e-mail info@msginfo.org.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

20th Annual Conference of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM), entitled “Choices for Independence: Modernization of the Older Americans Act,” and sponsored by AAAAM **May 30-31** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/886-1029.

Nonprofit 2020: Issues and Answers from the Next Generation, sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, the Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management at Arizona State University, and the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **July 26-28** in **Grand Rapids** for emerging nonprofit leaders to share visions, ideas and passions. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org and/or www.gvsu.edu/np2020.

Safe, Sound and Secure Conference, sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services **August 15** at the Warren Community Center in **Warren** to learn about current trends and crime issues. For more information, call 586/469-6307.

MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/EVENTS

Legal and Financial Issues, a free community presentation sponsored by the Valley Area Agency on Aging and the Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Michigan Chapter – East Central Division **May 29** at the Lapeer Regional Medical Center in **Lapeer**. For more information, call 810/239-7671.

3-Part Alzheimer’s Education Series, a three-part workshop on understanding and coping with Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementias, sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Michigan Chapter West Michigan Region and funded by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan **June 6, June 13** and **June 20** at the Mecosta County Medical Center in **Big Rapids**. For more information, go to www.alzgmc.org or call toll-free 800/272-3900.

OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

24th Annual Older American Festival, sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services **June 20** at Freedom Hill County Park in **Sterling Heights**, featuring health screenings, dancing, games, a box lunch, and exhibits by more than 60 agencies. For more information, call 586-469-6313.

Wayne County Senior FunFest, sponsored by Wayne County Senior Services **June 23** at the Warrendale Picnic Site in **Hines Park**, featuring a wheel of fortune, information tent, lunch, health screenings, expanded bingo and entertainment. For information or free tickets, call 734/727-7357 or 734/453-1234.

Financial Fitness/Credit Education Workshop, a five-week series sponsored by the Northern Homes Community Development Corporation **July 24, 31**, and **August 7, 14, 21** at the Bellaire Senior Center in **Bellaire** to discuss how to budget money, improve credit scores, pay-off debts and become a better informed consumer. For more

information or to register, call toll-free 866/637-1934.

Annual Golf Outing, sponsored by the Isabella County Commission on Aging (CoA) and Friends of Isabella Seniors **August 3** at the Pleasant Hills Golf Club in **Mt. Pleasant**, featuring food, raffle, silent auction, and a chance at a \$10,000.00 Hole-in-One sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, with all proceeds going for CoA programs and services. For more information, call 989/772-0748.

FEDERAL REGISTER
(April 2 – May 25)

HUD Funds Elderly Persons with Disabilities Program

See the Federal Register dated **April 5** (Vol. 72, No. 65). Go to “Housing and Urban Development Department” and see “Notices, Grant and cooperative agreement awards.” This notice from the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) notifies the public of funding decisions made by HUD for funding under the fiscal year (FY) 2006 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Elderly/Persons with Disabilities Program funding for FY 2006. This program is intended to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance with public and private resources to enable participating families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. A public and Indian Housing Program Coordinator assures that program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency. For Michigan, the award recipient is the Grand Rapids Housing Commission at 1420 Madison Street in Grand Rapids. For more information, call 202/358-0221.

Accessibility Guidelines Proposed for Transportation Vehicles

See the Federal Register dated **April 11** (Vol. 72, No. 69). Go to “Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board” and see “Proposed Rules.” This proposed rule from the Architectural and Transportation Compliance Board (Access Board) has been placed in the Access Board’s docket and on its web site for public review and comment. It concerns draft revisions to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regarding Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles. The draft revisions to the guidelines cover only buses, vans and similar vehicles. Draft revisions to the guidelines for other modes will be issued later. Public comments will be accepted on the draft revisions to the guidelines, and the Access Board will consider those comments prior to issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking to update the guidelines. Comments must be submitted by **June 11**. For more information, call 202/272-0015.

AoA Funds More Alzheimer’s Demonstration Grants to States

See the Federal Register dated **April 12** (Vol. 72, No. 70). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the availability of additional funding for Alzheimer’s Disease Demonstration Grants to States (ADDGS). Michigan already receives one of these ADDGS, so it is not eligible to apply for another one of these grants. The AoA is seeking proposals from other states that do not now have a ADDGS. The ADDGS program’s mission is to expand the availability of

diagnostic and support services for persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers, as well as improve the responsiveness of the home and community-based care system to persons with dementia. The program focuses on serving hard-to-reach and underserved people with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. The AoA will fund up to 23 additional projects at a federal share of approximately \$250,000 to \$325,000 for one year. Eligibility for grant awards is limited to agencies of state government. For more information, call 202/357-3452.

President Proclaims National Volunteer Week

See the Federal Register dated **April 16** (Vol. 72, No. 72). Go to "Presidential Documents" and see "Proclamations." This proclamation by the President of the United States designates **April 15-21** as National Volunteer Week 2007 to celebrate the spirit of service to others, and to honor those who demonstrate acts of kindness, generosity and compassion. Volunteers have given their time, talents and energy to comfort those in despair, support others in need, and change lives for the better. Their contributions are to be recognized and celebrated. Older adults can find ways to serve in their communities by finding volunteer opportunities through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and the Senior Companion Program (SCP). They also can find a variety of volunteer opportunities through their local senior center or county council/commission on aging. For more information, go to www.volunteer.gov, the USA Freedom Corps website, or call the Office of Services to the Aging at 517/373-8230.

IRS Proposes Deduction Changes for Claims Against Estates

See the Federal Register dated **April 23** (Vol. 72, No. 77). Go to "Internal Revenue Service" and see "Proposed Rules." This proposed rule from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the US Department of Treasury contains proposed amendments to the regulations relating to the amount deductible from a decedent's gross estate for claims against the estate under the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the proposed rule updates the provisions relating to the deduction for certain death taxes. The proposed regulations will affect estates of decedents against whom there are claims outstanding at the time of the decedent's death. Public comments must be received by **July 23**. A public hearing on these proposed regulations will be held **August 6** at the Internal Revenue Building in **Washington, DC**. For more information, call 202/622-3112.

Corporation Issues Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 30** (Vol. 72, No. 77). Go to "Corporation for National and Community Service" and see "Proposed Rules." This proposed rule from the Corporation for National and Community Service announces the Corporation's Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda, or the regulations the Corporation will have under development, revision or review during the next year. The purpose for publishing this agenda is to give notice of any regulatory activity by the Corporation in order to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. For more information, call 202/606-6677.

HHS Issues Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 30** (Vol. 72, No. 77). Go to "Health and Human Services Department" and see "Proposed Rules." This proposed rule from the US

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces its Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda, or an inventory of the rulemaking actions under development by HHS during the next year. The purpose for publishing this agenda is to encourage public participation in the regulatory process by providing, as early as possible, summarized information about the regulatory actions under consideration. For more information, call 202/205-8236.

Corporation Issues Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda

See the Federal Register dated **April 30** (Vol. 72, No. 77). Go to “Housing and Urban Development” and see “Proposed Rules.” This proposed rule from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) its Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda, or the agenda of regulations already issued or that HUD expects to be issued over the next several months. The agenda also includes rules currently in effect that are under review, and describes those regulations that may affect small entities. The purpose for publishing this agenda is to encourage more effective public participation in the regulatory process by providing the public with advance information about pending regulatory activities. For more information, call 202/708-3055.

CMS Issues 2008 Hospice Wage Index

See the Federal Register dated **May 1** (Vol. 72, No. 83). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Proposed Rules.” This proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provides the hospice wage index for fiscal year (FY) 2008. This proposed rule also would revise the methodology for updating the wage index for rural areas without hospital wage data, and provide clarification of selected existing Medicare hospice regulations and policies. Public comments must be submitted by **July 2**. Hospice care recognizes that the impending death of an individual warrants a change in care to palliative care. The goal of hospice care is to help terminally ill individuals continue life with a minimum disruption to normal activities while remaining primarily in the home environment. Hospice uses an interdisciplinary approach to deliver medical, social, psychological, emotional and spiritual services with the goal of making the individual as physically and emotionally comfortable as possible. For more information, call 410/786-9462.

HHS Requests Nominations for Prevention Awards

See the Federal Register dated **May 1** (Vol. 72, No. 83). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Notices, Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards.” This notice from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks nominations of public and private sector organizations to receive the 2007 Innovation in Prevention Awards. Its goal is to increase public awareness of creative approaches to develop and expand innovative health programs, and encourage duplication of successful strategies to help Americans live longer, better and healthier lives. This award initiative will identify and celebrate outstanding organizations that have implemented innovative and creative chronic disease prevention, and health promotion programs. Those nominated must address at least one of the following risk categories: obesity, physical activity and nutrition. Awards will be given in the following categories: Faith-Based and/or Community Initiatives, Health Care Delivery, Healthy Workplace, Nonprofit, and Public Sector. Nominations must be received by **June 29**, and they can only be made electronically at www.prevent.org/awards 2007. For more information, call 202/785-4943.

HHS to Fund Intergenerational Approaches to HIV/AIDS

See the Federal Register dated **May 1** (Vol. 72, No. 83). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Notices, Grants and Cooperative Agreements.” This notice from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requests applications for the Intergenerational Approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention Education with Women Across the Lifespan Pilot Program. The purpose of this intergenerational pilot program is to develop cross-generational HIV/AIDS prevention education approaches specific to women at risk for, or living with HIV/AIDS and other female members of the family age 12 or older, particularly African American, Native American/American Indian, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian/Pacific Islander women from the Diaspora who are grandmothers, mothers, daughters, granddaughters and aunts. The goals of the program are to teach cross-generations of women and other female members of the family, age 12 or older, how to develop healthy communication patterns built on caring, trusting familial relationships. Eligible applicants include non-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, state and local government agencies and tribal governments. A collaborative partner for these grants is the Administration on Aging (AoA). Applications must be received by **July 2**. For more information or to obtain an application, call 888/203-6161 or 703/351-1148.

President Proclaims May Older Americans Month 2007

See the Federal Register dated **May 3** (Vol. 72, No. 85). Go to “Presidential Documents” and see “Proclamations, Special Observances, Older Americans Month.” This Presidential proclamation declares **May 2007** as Older Americans Month. It pays tribute to older adults for the many ways they strengthen our nation through a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and personal character. The proclamation says our country is blessed by their compassionate acts, the wisdom of their experiences, and the patriotism they demonstrate. It notes that this year’s theme, “Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future,” underscores the importance of making informed decisions regarding lifestyle and personal health. This recognizes the importance of staying active, nutritious eating and proper medical care. Also, by making an effort to enhance their quality of life, Older Americans will inspire younger generations to appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. In conclusion, the proclamation encourages all citizens to honor their elders, care for those in need, and reaffirms our country’s commitment to Older Americans this month, and throughout the year.

HHS Proposes Home Health Payment System Update

See the Federal Register dated **May 4** (Vol. 72, No. 86). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Proposed Rules, Medicare: Home Health Prospective Payment System.” This proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **January 1, 2008**, provides an update to the 60-day national episode rates, and the national per-visit amounts under the Medicare prospective payment system for home health services. It proposes to rebase and revise the home health market basket to ensure that it continues to adequately reflect the price changes of efficiently providing home health services. It also sets forth refinements to the payment system. In addition, it would establish new quality of care data collection requirements. Public comments must be received by **July 3**. For more information, call 410/786-0131.

HHS Proposes Skilled Nursing Payment System Update

See the Federal Register dated **May 4** (Vol. 72, No. 86). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Proposed Rules, Medicare: Skilled Nursing Facilities.” This proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would update the payment rates used under the prospective payment system (PPS) for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) for fiscal year (FY) 2008. This proposed rule also would revise and rebase the SNF market basket, and would modify the threshold for the adjustment to account for market basket forecast errors. Annual updates to the PPS rates for SNFs are required by the Social Security Act. Public comments must be received by **June 29**. For more information, call 410/786-7948 or 410/786-9385.

CMS Proposes Payment Rates for Rehabilitation Facilities

See the Federal Register dated **May 8** (Vol. 72, No. 88). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Proposed Rules.” This proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would update the prospective payment rates for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) for fiscal year (FY) 2008 as required by the Social Security Act. It includes the classification and weighting factors for the IRF prospective payment system’s case-mix groups, and a description of the methodology and data used in computing the prospective payment rates for FY 2008. Public comment must be received by **July 2**. For more information, call 410/786-1235.

AoA to Continue Funding ADRCs to Integrate LTC Access

See the Federal Register dated **May 9** (Vol. 72, No. 89). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices, Grants.” In 2003, the AoA and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) formed a partnership to launch the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) demonstration grant initiative. This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) regards the availability of monies to fund up to 12 grants to continue funding ADRCs that are designed to integrate access to long-term care. The goal of ADRCs is to empower individuals to make informed choices, and to streamline access to LTC support services. They serve as highly visible and trusted places where people of all ages can turn for information on the full range of LTC support services, and a single point of entry to public LTC support programs and benefits. ADRCs are a resource for both public and private-pay individuals. They serve older adults, younger individuals with disabilities, family caregivers, and persons planning for LTC supports and services. However, only the 12 states that received AoA and CMS funding during fiscal year (FY) 2004 to launch ADRCs are eligible to apply for these grants to expand what they have started. Therefore Michigan is not eligible to apply, although the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and OSA are using state funds to develop Single Points of Entry (SPEs) demonstration projects in four areas of the state that are nearly identical to ADRCs. SPEs in Michigan serve the same functions as ADRCs. For more information about ADRCs, call 202/357-3417.

CMS Offers Prospective Payment System for LTC Hospitals

See the Federal Register dated **May 11** (Vol. 72, No. 91). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Rules, Medicare.” This final rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **July 1**, updates the annual payment rates for the Medicare prospective payment system (PPS) for inpatient hospital services provided by long-term care hospitals (LTCHs). For more information, call 410/786-

IRS Clarifies Distributions from a Pension Plan

See the Federal Register dated **May 22** (Vol. 72, No. 98). Go to “Internal Revenue Service” and see “Rules.” This document from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) contains final regulations under the Internal Revenue Code that provide rules permitting distributions to be made from a pension plan upon the attainment of normal retirement age prior to a participant’s severance from employment with the employer maintaining the plan. These regulations, effective **May 22**, provide the public with guidance regarding distributions from qualified pension plans. They adopt the rule under which a pension plan (a defined benefit plan or money purchase pension plan) is permitted to pay benefits upon an employee’s attainment of normal retirement age, even if the employee has not yet had a severance from employment with the employer maintaining the plan. Normal retirement age is the earlier of, either the time a participant attains normal retirement age under the plan, or the time a participant attains age 65. However, these regulations say the normal retirement age under a pension plan must be an age that is not earlier than the earliest age that is reasonably representative of the typical retirement age for the industry in which the covered workforce is employed. For more information, call 202/622-6090.

AoA Request Comments Concerning Financial Status Report

See the Federal Register dated **May 24** (Vol. 72, No. 100). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) solicits public comment by **July 23** on the information collection requirements relating to the Supplemental Form to the Financial Status Report for all AoA Title III grantees. The AoA is seeking comment concerning whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AoA functions; the accuracy of AoA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. For more information, call 202/357-3464.

HHS Requests Comments for 2007-2012 Draft Strategic Plan

See the Federal Register dated **May 24** (Vol. 72, No. 100). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Reports and Guidance Documents.” This document seeks public comment on draft Strategic Plan of the the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for fiscal years (FYs) 2007-2012. The HHS FY 2007-2012 Strategic Plan is provided as part of the strategic planning process to ensure that HHS stakeholders are given an opportunity to comment on this plan. This document integrates the HHS mission into a presentation of performance goals. They are (1) health care to improve the safety, quality, affordability and accessibility of health care, including long-term care (LTC); (2) public health promotion and protection, disease prevention and emergency preparedness to prevent and control disease, injury illness and disability across the lifespan; (3) human services to promote the economic and social wellbeing of individuals , families and communities; and (4) scientific research and development. Public comment must be received by **June 15**. For more information or to request a hard copy of this draft strategic plan, call 202/401-6640. Also, go to www.hhs.gov to download a draft copy in PDF format.

LEGISLATION SUMMARY

The following are bills and public acts from the 2007-2008 legislative session that have been identified as being of probable interest and importance to senior adults and aging network service providers.

These bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. They are not listed if they have only been introduced and assigned to a committee. To be listed, they must have moved further in some way as part of the legislative process. Also, these bills do not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor do they indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to www.legislature.mi.gov (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under "Legislative Bill Search." Then click on "Go!" and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a "PDF" or "TXT" box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website (www.michiganlegislature.org) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions.

If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator.

2007 House Bills that Moved (April 16 – May 11)

House Bill (HB) 4185 of 2007

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to update provisions of the quality assurance assessment program (QAAP) for nursing homes and hospitals related to the amount retained by the state to offset GF/GP funds for Medicaid to levels that are consistent with the funding levels appropriated in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) budget in this fiscal year, and the Executive Budget Recommendation for fiscal year (FY) 2007-2008. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. George Cushingberry** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 1-31-07. House substitute bill adopted 4-17-07. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 4-17-07. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 4-19-07.

2007 Senate Bills that moved (April 16 – May 11)

Senate Bill (SB) 16 of 2007

This bill would create the "Prostate Cancer Research Fund Act" to establish the Prostate Cancer Research Fund in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to provide funds to promote research in Michigan relating to prostate cancer. The money, interest and earnings of the fund could be spent solely for grants to any of the following: a medical school located in Michigan; a hospital located in Michigan that specializes in the treatment of cancer; and a hospital located in an urban area in Michigan that provides services to African-American men. Money from the fund could

be used as matching funds for a federal grant or a grant from the National Cancer Institute. Creates a new act. Tie barred with SB 347 of 2007. Neither bill can take effect unless both do. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Buzz Thomas** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 1-24-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 3-27-07. Senate substitute bill concurred in by the Senate 4-17-07. Passed by the Senate 4-18-07. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-18-07.

Senate Bill (SB) 123 of 2007

This bill would amend the Nonprofit Corporation Act to permit nonprofits, such as area agencies on aging (AAAs) and local service provider agencies, the use of electronic communication (electronically transmitted that does not involve the physical transmission of paper but may be retained, retrieved or reproduced by the recipient). It would specify that, when a notice was required or permitted by the Act to be given in writing, electronic transmission would be written notice. It also would allow notice of meetings to be transmitted electronically; allow a board of directors to conduct a meeting of board members solely by means of remote communication; specify conditions under which a member could participate in a meeting and vote by means of remote communication; allow a corporation's bylaws to permit voting by electronic transmission; allow a board or committee to consent by electronic transmission to action without a meeting; and allow a corporation to distribute an annual financial report by electronic transmission. Amends Public Act (PA) 162 of 1982. Sponsored by **Sen. Alan Sanborn** (R-Richmond) and co-sponsored by seven others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform 1-30-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole. Senate substitute bill, as amended, concurred in by the Senate 4-18-07. Passed by the Senate 4-19-07. Referred to the House Committee on Commerce 4-19-07.

Senate Bill (SB) 347 of 2007

For the 2008 tax year, and each subsequent year, this bill would allow an individual to designate on his or her annual tax return, that contributions of \$5, \$10 or more of his or her state income tax refund be credited to any of the funds specified in the bill including the Prostate Cancer Research Fund, Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research, the Animal Welfare Fund, and the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. For the 2010 tax year, and each subsequent tax year, the funds specified in the bill would be expanded to include the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority, and The Children's Trust Fund. This bill would require the Michigan Department of Treasury to establish and use a separate contribution schedule that would incorporate each check-off authorized by the bill that remained in effect and available for each tax year Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Tie barred with SB 348 of 2007. Neither bill can take effect unless both do. Sponsored by **Sen. Patricia Birkholz** (R-Saugatuck) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-14-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 3-27-07. Senate substitute bill concurred in by the Senate 4-17-07. Passed by the Senate 4-18-07. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 4-18-07.

Senate Bill (SB) 348 of 2007

This bill would create the "Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research Act" to establish that fund in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to provide funds to

promote research in Michigan relating to breast cancer. The MDCH would be required to do all of the following with monies from this fund: support the development of a statewide breast cancer research plan; provide information to the public about the value of breast cancer research and early detection; develop and publicize criteria for proposals to be funded under this bill; and review and approve proposals to be funded. Creates new act. Tie barred with SB 347 of 2007. Neither bill can take effect unless both do. Sponsored by **Sen. Paricia Birkholz** (R-Sugatuck) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-14-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 3-27-07. Senate substitute bill concurred in by the Senate 4-17-07. Passed by the Senate 4-18-07. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 4-18-07.

2007 Public Acts (April 16 – May 11)

No new Public Acts, April 16-May 11.

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